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Communications Corner



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Third Thursday of Every Month in The Miami Herald Beach Neighbors or e:mail your questions to: 305-673-2023 or jcalderon@herald.com

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City Begins Major Park Projects, Making Them Better Places to Play

Construction begins this month on two major Miami Beach parks and recreation facilities -- Flamingo Park (1245 Michigan Avenue) and the Scott Rakow Youth Center (2700 Sheridan Avenue). The planned improvements have been an ongoing and expanded vision of the community since 1994.

The \$2,639,780.00 Flamingo Park pool project encompasses the demolition of the existing pool facility, and the construction of a new two pool complex including an interactive water playground, an eight-lap pool, concession stand, new locker rooms and rest rooms, administrative offices, landscaping, and irrigation.



Scott Rakow Youth Center

The \$2,893,000.00 Scott Rakow Youth Center project encompasses the construction of a new ice rink, new pool locker rooms and rest rooms, play area, gymnastics facility, classrooms, music rooms, administrative offices, and elevator.

The projects are expected to be completed by next year.

Major funding for the projects is made possible through the 1994 Miami Beach Parks

Bond, Miami-Dade County Safe Neighborhoods Bond, and the 1999 \$92 million Miami Beach General Obligation Bond.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CiviCall

(For Information & Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission

305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager

305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)

305-673-7900

Fire (non-emergency)

305-673-7120

Parks & Recreation

305-673-7730

Parking

305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline

305-673-7777

City Clerk

305-673-7411

Bulky Waste Pick-Up Appointment

305-633-2700

Water & Sewer

305-673-7625

Collins Avenue Road Improvements Begin

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) begins major roadway reconstruction project on Collins Avenue, from Lincoln Road to 26th Street, which will be implemented in phases, as follows:

Phases I and II

April 16 - December 14, 2001

Lincoln Road to 22nd Street

No construction between December and April (tourist season)

Phases III and IV

April 8 - October 18, 2002

22nd to 26th streets

Miami-Dade Transit bus service will be re-routed to Washington Avenue, 23rd Street and Dade Boulevard. Electrowave Shuttle

Service will be available to transport residents, tourists and conventioners to, from, and within South Beach destinations. For more information on the Electrowave route, call 305-535-9160.

During Phase One, April 16 to mid-September, 2001, the construction zone will be along the center and west side of Collins Avenue between Lincoln Road and 23 Street (with the staging area between 22 and 23 streets) and the center of Collins Avenue between 23 and 26 streets. One north-bound lane of traffic will be maintained on the east side of the street for the entire corridor and there will also be one south-bound lane of traffic on the west side of the street between 26 and 23 streets.

City's Mission Statement

"We are committed to providing excellent public service and safety to all who live, work, and play in our vibrant, tropical, historic community."



Alexandra Bermudez, Fernando Bouza, Maria Ruiz, director, Julian Fernandez and Gloria Rivera

At Your Service!

Office of Children's Affairs

The Office of Children's Affairs promotes a positive and healthy environment for children by serving as the catalyst for improving their emotional, physical, social, and educational outlooks. This is accomplished by disseminating information and support to children, parents, and direct service providers, such that their needs will be met through an expanded array of community resources. Through partnerships and coalitions, the Office plans, coordinates and advocates for children in Miami Beach.

Some of the variety of services the Office provides for our community's children and families include:

Truancy Intervention Program provides home visits and truancy intervention services for Biscayne Elementary students;

Emergency Rent, Food & Utility Assistance - utilizing Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grant funds, the Office provides emergency financial assistance to qualified residents;

Performing Arts Academy, a nationally recognized and accredited performing arts program for youth ages eight - 21 years old, meets each Saturday at Miami Beach High;

Neighborhood First Support Team provides monthly public information workshops and community service projects to improve neighborhoods;

Community Service Supervision for community service hours for court-adjudicated youth;

Youth Empowerment Network, comprised of students from the City's public and private schools, is committed to promoting peace and cooperation among our community's youth. Events include the Galaxy of Talent, Brain Bowl and the annual Peace Festival.

Referral Services for a variety of social services including: legal, medical, educational and counseling.

For more information, call 305-673-7491. They are at your service!



KNOW THE CODES

REMOVAL OF ANIMAL DEFECTION (No. 99-3199, Sec. 10-13)

Be a good neighbor - scoop the poop. Any person owning, possessing, harboring or having the care, charge, control or custody of any animal shall immediately remove and thereafter dispose of any fecal matter deposited by the animal on public or private property (other than the property of the owner or responsible party of the animal) unless the owner or person or person in lawful possession of the property has consented to such deposit. For the purpose of this section, animal fecal matter shall be immediately removed by placing the matter in a closed or sealed container and thereafter disposing of it by depositing the matter in a trash receptacle, sanitary disposal unit, or other closed or sealed container. This section shall not apply to blind persons accompanied by a dog used for their assistance. Fines are \$50 for first offense, \$100 for second offense, and \$200 for each additional violation, during a one-year period.

Fishing Fest 2001
 Saturday, June 9
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 South Pointe Park, 1
 Washington Avenue
 Free

For children in fourth to eighth grades.
 Fishing tournament and activities and demonstrations from the Nature Center, Beach Patrol and Coast Guard.



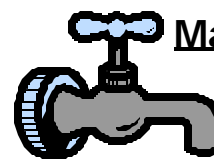
Women Worth Knowing



The Miami Beach Committee of the Status of Women celebrated the achievements of Linda Villella, director of Miami City Ballet School, Dena Stewart, program director and founder of the Center for Folk and Community Art, Joan Glickstein, president of National Council of Jewish Women at Greater Miami Section, and Elaine Bloom, former Florida Representative.



The Miami Beach Fire Department periodically conducts Child Safety Seat inspections. For more information or to arrange an inspection, contact Paul Reuss, Fire Department, at 305-673-7140.



Mandatory Water Restrictions Violators will be Fined!

Watering is permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4 - 8 a.m. for homes with addresses that end with an odd number. And, Thursdays and Sundays for homes ending with an even number or with no address.

Watering by hand with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle is allowed from 5 - 7 p.m. everyday except Fridays.

New landscaping, planted for less than 30 days, may be watered Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 2 - 8 a.m.

New landscaping may be watered at any time by hand with one hose and an automatic shut-off nozzle.

Washing of cars, boats and other equipment is permitted 4 - 8 a.m. and 5 - 7 p.m. on the landscape watering days.

For information on other restrictions and how to further conserve water, log on to www.sfwmd.gov or call 1-800-662-8876.

Arbor Day 2001

In observance of Arbor Day, the City, along with the Miami Beach Beautification Committee, will plant a Live Oak tree at the NW quadrant of Dickens Avenue and 7th Street in North Beach.



Enjoy a **free** celebration of the arts every month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Call 305-673-7500 or 2ndthursdays.com.